STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Protocol has been signed on April 17, 1989 between Indian Space Research Organisation and GLAVKOSMOS, USSR on Indian participation in Soviet MIR Space Station based on discussions held during April 11-17, 1989, at Indian Space Research Organisation, Bangalore. A five-member Soviet delegation visited India to have discussions with Indian experts. Presentations were made by the Soviet side on the technical details about the existing and future MIR space stations and by the Indian side on possible Indian experiments that could be carried out onboard the PRIRODA module of the present MIR station to be launched by 1991 and onboard future MIR type station to be launched by 1995-96. These possible experiments covered such broad areas as crystal growth under microgravity environment, astronomy, aeronomy, remote sensing and also testing of certain technological concepts under zero-g conditions. Brief write ups on these proposals with questionnaire addressing specific payload interface issues were handed over to the Soviet side for their response. A plan of action has been drawn jointly to pursue the matter further.

C.G.H.S. facilities for former Members of Parliament

1740. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the facilities available to the former Members of Parliament under the Central Government Health Scheme; and

(b) whether Government have changed these facilities recently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The facilities available to former members of Parliament are given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below).

(b) No, Sir.

Statement

Facilities available under the scheme

1. Outdoor treatment through dispensaries.
2. Supply of necessary drugs.
3. Laboratory and X-Ray investigations.
4. Domiciliary visits.
5. In-patient treatment for all medical and surgical cases including operations.
6. Specialist care.
7. Ante-natal care.
8. Emergency treatment.
9. Advice on family welfare including supply of free contreceptives, appliance etc.
10. Hospital treatment in Specialised hospitals for diseases like Cancer, T. B., Polio and Mental disease.
11. Facilities for Dental treatment.

Additional Facilities under other systems

1. Ayurvedic.
2. Homoeopathic.
3. Unani.
4. Yoga.
5. Siddha.

Short supply of anti-Rabies vaccine

1741. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Anti-Rabies vaccine is in short supply in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to step-up the supply of this vaccine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Trade names of drugs and pharmaceuticals

1742. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of trade names among the drugs and pharmaceuticals in this country;

(b) whether it is a fact that large number on trade names are not warranted;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to introduce chemical names with a prefix of the concerned pharmaceutical company; and

(d) if so, what is the progress made in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Seniority list of senior Investigators

1743. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the seniority list of Senior Investigators in the Central Statistical Organisation, Department Statistics has been brought out and up dated after the time bound decision of the Central Administrative Tribunal in the case of Shri Dina Nath and others V/s Union of India:

(b) whether the regularisation of the similarly placed Senior Investigators working on ad-hoc basis for more than 10 years has been completed; and

(c) if not, the time required to regularise such Senior Investigators?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) The Government have already assigned appropriate seniority to the applicants and interveners in compliance with the decision of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT).

(b) There was no direction from the CAT regarding similarly placed Senior Investigators.

(c) Does not arise.

Declaration of Baba Saheb Ambedkar's birthday as a National Holiday

1744. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to declare the 14th April the birthday of Baba Saheb Ambedkar as a National holiday; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Permission to Central Government employees to practice homoeopathy

1745. SHRI KAMALENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government employees, registered as Homoeopathic Medical Practitioners, are allowed to practice Homoeopathy beyond office hour on charitable grounds, without detriment to the official duties;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such permission is not granted to the persons registered in any State/Union Territory other than that in which their offices are situated; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) if so, what action is proposed to be taken to rectify the position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.